

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



**September 27, 2020**

*W*hen John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:32



## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, your divine Son Jesus is the perfect Mediator between God and humankind, because He alone could in all justice merit our reconciliation with God as well as the graces that God would impart after the reconciliation. You are the Mediatrix in union with Christ, from Whom your mediation draws all its power.

You merited the title of Unique Associates above all by your union with Christ in His redemptive sacrifice. After Jesus, no one suffered as you did. Now your action is primarily one of intercession. In your contemplation of God, you behold our needs with our prayers and you beg God to grant these favors.

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption. May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

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### MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.  
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday  
Holy Days: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

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### ADORATION

Adoration is available on the patio in the courtyard anytime.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Monday thru Friday, 6:30-6:45 a.m.  
Or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Second and fourth Sunday of the month, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must be registered members and attend a baptismal preparation session, preferably before the birth of the child. Contact the Parish Office 3 months in advance to schedule.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples contemplating marriage should call the Office at least 8 months in advance. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner at Holy Cross and be actively practicing the faith. If you have had a previous marriage, set no marriage date until you have discussed this with your Pastor.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Call the Parish Office to make arrangements at any time for Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Two Wednesdays prior to the bulletin in which the information will be posted.

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR PARISH

### HOLY CROSS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Catholic Community of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is to provide a home for all who wish to join our spiritual family and share our Catholic beliefs and values. We are here to continue the life-giving works of Jesus Christ, to make His name known and loved, and to live our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Bishop of the Peoria Diocese.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterward changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday, Sept. 28</b> 7:00 a.m.	Sharon Skinner
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 29</b> 7:00 a.m.	Chris Patrick
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 30</b> 7:00 a.m.	Patty Kundrat-Woodward
<b>Thursday, Oct. 1</b> 7:00 a.m.	Johnny Deponai
<b>Friday, Oct. 2</b> 7:00 a.m.	First Friday Memorial
<b>Saturday, Oct. 3</b> 5:30 p.m.	Deacon Bob Ulbrich
<b>Sunday, Oct. 4</b> 8:00 a.m.	William Pankau
10:00 a.m.	Stephen Warner
4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

Thus says the Lord: You say, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

### Last Week's Collection

Offering for September 19th/20th.....\$4,617.00

Thank you very much!



## FAMILY FORMATION

“SEPARATED BY DISTANCE, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”



We are not able to meet the first Thursday of the month at the present time due to COVID-19 and the social distancing guidelines. However, that won't stop us from growing in knowledge of the Faith. These lessons have been adapted from the regular Family Formation Classroom lessons to go along with your home packets for the remaining 3 weeks of the particular month.

I am looking forward to having our returning families as well as families participating for the first time. The fee of \$125 per family covers all the materials needed for the lessons. Please feel free to contact Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office (217-352-8748) with any questions or for more information. Registration forms may be emailed to you or picked up at the Parish Office.

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, OCT. 6TH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has been established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it welcomes new members into the Church. The first class will be held in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th.

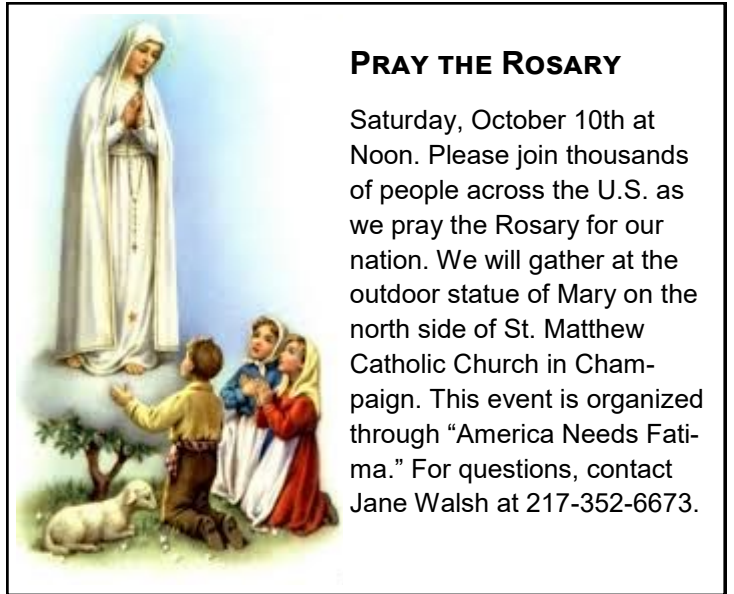
### WHO IS RCIA FOR?

Non-Catholics who know they want to join or who may be interested but need more information.

Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Married couples of mixed religious faiths who wish to unite their religious practice in Catholicism.

For more details, please contact Gloria Fellers at the Parish Office, 217-352-8748.



## PRAY THE ROSARY

Saturday, October 10th at Noon. Please join thousands of people across the U.S. as we pray the Rosary for our nation. We will gather at the outdoor statue of Mary on the north side of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Champaign. This event is organized through “America Needs Fatima.” For questions, contact Jane Walsh at 217-352-6673.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, October 3

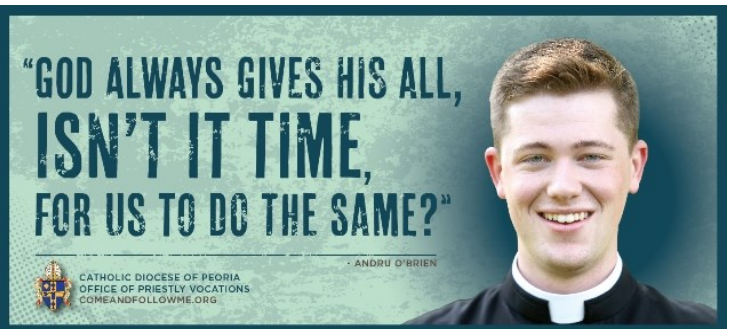
5:30 p.m. John Kelley

### Sunday, October 4

8:00 a.m. No ministers

10:00 a.m. Margie Hoss, Dawn Friedman

4:00 p.m. Ed and Juliann Seebauer, Jan Weber



[www.comeandfollowme.org](http://www.comeandfollowme.org)

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord God, We pray that you will call many fine young men to the Priesthood. May they have the grace to hear your call and to respond wholeheartedly, giving of themselves generously in the service of your Church, that we may be greatly strengthened and may grow.

May these fine priests have the grace of perseverance and not burn out. And may they be supported and encouraged and appreciated. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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356-9521  
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### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

We are finishing up another full week of school! Much is different this year but we are figuring it out and getting back into the swing of things! We currently have 190 in-person students and 44 virtual students. We have one teacher per grade for Pre-3 through 5th, and two teachers per grade for 6th-8th. We have a full time music/band teacher, a school librarian, and a part-time Spanish teacher. Our teachers have their hands full teaching both in person and virtually. Lots of technology is in use!

We have a great need for 24 additional iPads and covers for our younger students. If you would like to help, contact [stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org](mailto:stephanie@holycrosscatholic.org) for more info. Thanks to the generosity of several donors, we have an order of chrome books for our older students and new laptops for our teachers arriving soon. We continue to serve hot lunch daily and send lunches home to any virtual students who request it. We are pleased to have several new Holy Cross School families this year. With the start of the school year comes an additional live streamed Mass! One class per week attends this Mass in the church, while the rest stream it in their classrooms. **You can tune in to this private Mass on our Facebook page at 8:15 a.m. every Friday.**

**JOB OPENING:** We are seeking another part-time Evening Janitor. If interested, please email Holy Cross School at [hcs@holycrosselem.org](mailto:hcs@holycrosselem.org)



**High School of St. Thomas More**  
352-7210  
[www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.** We are seeking applicants for a Baseball Coach and a Wrestling Coach. We are also accepting applications for a Biology Teacher for the 2021-2022 academic year. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org)

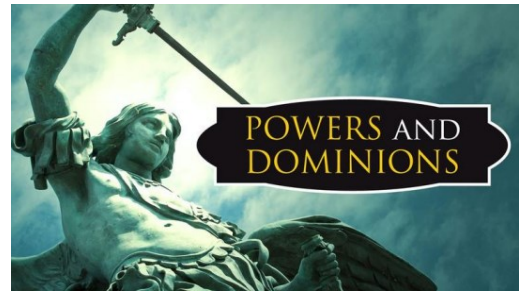
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Applications for 2021-22 are officially open, and those who submit a completed application by November 1st will receive 5% off their tuition amount.

**STM APP:** Don't forget STM has an app for your smart phone. It's everything STM in your pocket. Download the app on iPhone: <https://apple.co/303rQQx>

# FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



## Powers and Dominions

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels. This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more.

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## UPCOMING ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Our parish is participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Soon, you will receive your pledge card in the mail. You can mail it to Holy Cross, or drop it in the collection basket. Please give generously as God has given to you.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Even though we're only in September, it's not too early to contribute to the flower fund to pay for this year's poinsettia order for the church's Christmas decorations. You may drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "flower fund" or bring it to the office. The weekly collection has been less due to COVID-19, thus the flower fund plays a greater role in funding this year's poinsettia order. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Clean, gently used winter coats (new coats would be great also!) are needed for the 17th Annual "Coat the Community" drive. Donations will be accepted **Saturday, October 10th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Keller Williams Realty parking lot at Village at The Crossing, 2441 Village Green Place, Champaign.

When you donate, you will be eligible to enter our giveaway.

Children's coats are especially needed. The Salvation Army will assist in the free distribution of the coats to

local families in need. Go to [www.CoatTheCommunity.com](http://www.CoatTheCommunity.com)

for more information. Hosted by The Scott Bechtel Group, Keller Williams Realty.



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Much has happened in recent months and many activities were put on hold, including pro-life events. Unfortunately, the abortion industry never stopped operating. We are very glad to share that there are more pro-life activities and events coming up. Please prayerfully consider how you can get involved and help foster a stronger Culture of Life!



**40 Days for Life Fall 2020:** Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st. at Planned Parenthood, 302 East Stoughton St, Champaign. This is an international peaceful prayer collaboration to pray for help and healing for all affected by abortion. Prayers are welcome anytime during the 40 Days, but especially welcome when the abortion clinic is open during normal business hours. Individual churches are encouraged to choose a day and time to come and pray.

**Pro-Life Billboard Project:** Ongoing, on private land in Central Illinois (i.e., farmland, outside a church or business). Generous donations have been given to fund the materials for Pro-Life Billboards to help foster a stronger Culture of Life, and for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy to know where to find help. Different designs and both one-sided and double-sided Pro-Life Billboards are available. Volunteers have already installed 8 Billboards! More landowners are needed to allow Billboards on their property. Contact Renee at 217-607-0811, or [reneemullen1@comcast.net](mailto:reneemullen1@comcast.net)

**VoteProLifeFirst Election Campaigning and Advocacy,** now thru November 2020. Nationwide. Students for Life Action (political arm of Students for Life of America) is seeking volunteers of any age to make phone calls to help get pro-life candidates elected in November. To learn more, go to <https://studentsforlifeaction.org/volunteer/>



**PRAY to END ABORTION!**



### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

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### HOLY CROSS FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL

Devall, Desmier, Jensen Families  
Menke & Leahy Families  
Jerry & Loretta M. Dano  
Paul, Joe, Edward, & Marie Knoke  
Dec. Mem. of Donato, Pace, Follis Families  
Dec. Mem. of Mueller, Neunhoffer, Willard Families  
Robert F. Reiser Family  
Dec. Mem. of Corkery, Cox, Murray Families  
Nichols, Oetzel, Parod & Foltzler Families  
Dec. Mem. of Happ, Krueger Families  
Pellum & Gillis Families  
Thelma Sparks, Parents of Charles & Thelma Sparks  
Ed & Jean Bown  
Chuck, Chad, Meghan Schweighart  
Larry Hausmann, Bob Soucie  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Cler & Flavin Families  
Graham & Hugué Families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Pastore, Buzinsky, & Piccolo Families  
Lamendola/Smith/Hammers Families  
Hammel & Mitsdarfer Families

Margaret & Eldon Tufte and Dec. Mem. of their family  
Living & Dec. members of Baum & Decker Families  
Barham & Bosch Families  
Tangora & Kovera Families  
William McMahon, Linda & Mike Wesolowski  
McNamara & Mulcahey Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Giuffrè & Cacioppo Families  
Boudreau & Arseneau Family  
Margaret Turkan  
Aloysius J. Winka  
Evelyn Bell  
Zeilenga Family  
Rentfrow Family  
Ron Murphy  
Harold Kremer Family  
Rakers-Wade Families  
Hershberger & Kick Families  
Dec. Mem. of Cochrane-O'Brien families  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of David & Bernice Williams Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Graham, Fellers & Gordon Family

John E. Sullivan Family  
Birdie & Edward Cronau  
Margaret Hettinger  
Raymond Timpone  
Maxine Timpone  
Living & Dec. Mem. of Schwenk Family  
Perrodin Family  
Living & Dec. Mem. of McNabney Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Eli & Hazel Kinser Family  
John Michael Cabutti  
Glen & Helen Jones  
Betty Madrey  
Christie & Hoss Families  
Menacher & Sizer Families  
Leonard & Loretto Doyle  
Alan & Patricia Berndt  
Thomas McCarthy  
Costello Family